

The Lusby House provides an illuminating example of construction sequence in Cecil County farmhouses. The story and a half log kitchen wing is alluded to by owners of similar structures but ^{usually} has been torn off for a more modern kitchen. The main 2½ story five bay frame block is a sturdy and well proportioned example of the five bay center hall single pile plan.

The sequence of construction is partially documented in the tax history of the property in the Cecil County tax records, however, a few inconsistencies remain to cloud the exact progression. The 1841 tax assessment lists Anna E. Lusby as owning 187 acres, new dwelling, and one slave all totaling \$ 1,699.00. The slave was valued \$ 200.00 alone which leaves \$ 1,499.00 for a new dwelling and 187 acres. If the land was averaged at \$ 7.00 per acre, which is rather low for the period, it would only leave \$ 190 for a new dwelling. This would probably be the value of the log section and not the main block. In 1861 an addition to the house appears on the books and was valued at \$ 300.00 which could be the five bay main frame block. If the structure did evolve in the aforesaid manner the Lusby house is a rare example of the progression from a one room story and a half log section to a five bay two and a half story center hall plan with earlier kitchen wing.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

File 187

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Lusby House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Stemmers Run Road

CITY, TOWN

Earleville☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Cecil**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

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STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Earleville☒ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21919**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.Clerk of the Circuit CourtLiber #: RRC 46Folio #: 77

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

LUSBY HOUSE

The Lusby house circa 1840-1860 is a two and one-half story five bay by one room center hall frame house on Stemmers Run Road and northwest of Earleville, Maryland. The house faces north with the main gable running east/west.

The two and one-half five bay main block has a one and one-half approximately square (one bay by one room) log kitchen section attached to the east side. Both sections rest on a partial field-stone basement and are covered with asbestos siding over weather-board. The slopes of both roofs are approximately equal and covered with composition tile. The north (main) facade of the five bay block has a central entrance with four panel door. The surrounds are slightly beaded on the first floor but survive with ovolo backbands on the second. The window sash are a typical six-over-six throughout. A flat roofed porch with square posts covers three central bays of the main block. The north slope of the roof is pierced by two six-over-six sash gabled dormers with fluted pilasters that support a simple pediment. A simple boxed cornice stretches across with a simple bed molding.

The west end is void of any detail outside simple bargeboards that protect the rafter end and a brick gable end chimney.

The south side has an asymmetrical placement of lights on the first floor. A central four panel door has two six-over-six sash to the east. Three six-over-six sash are evenly spaced across the second floor. A single six-over-six dormer lights the western half of the attic. Shutters were attached at one time and their pintels attest to that fact.

The east end is partially covered with the story and a half log kitchen. Another chimney does rise out of the east gable end. The kitchen wing is 14' 4" deep by 14' 10". A brick stack rises out of the east end. One six-over-six sash window is found on the north side and a door and window on the east end. The south side is covered by a single story shed porch. Another entrance is found on this side also.

The interior of this house was regrettably closed for any inspection of interior woodwork. The exterior has remained basically intact and I would therefore assume the interior has remained basically the same.

A log meat house with V-notched corner construction is found directly south of the main house with its central board door and strap hinges and vertical board siding, which is relatively new to the structure. A steeply pitched corrugated tin roof covers the 14' 3" by 12' 2" structure. Various barn structures are located to the south of the meat house. One two story hay barn is in rather precarious condition with its eastward leanings. It seems unusually long and narrow when compared to most frame barns.

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCESIGNIFICANCE

The Lusby house is an extremely important example of the progression in farmhouse construction for Cecil County. The typical story and a half log section is always alluded to by owners of similar properties but was torn down for modern conveniences. The mid 19th Century frame section, although a common form, is a sturdy and well proportioned example of the five bay center hall single pile plan. The interior is probably exemplary of mid 19th Century woodwork and design.

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If the structure did evolve in the aforesaid manner the Lusby house is a rare example of that progression from one room story and a half log section to a five bay two and one-half story center hall plan with kitchen wing.

A log meat house with V-notched corner construction is significant structure on the property since only a few of these structures remain in the county.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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Cecil County Committee

DATE

11/29/79

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

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CITY OR TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland 21921

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